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Conservation Commission Minutes 11/01/2012

Arlington Conservation Commission
 Minutes
 November 1, 2012

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, Eileen Coleman, Curt Connors, Chris Naylor, Michelle Durocher, and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Also present were Justin Quattrini, Jimmy Barvik and Charlotte Milan.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

Connors/Naylor motioned to approve the **10/18 minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously

The **Walking Book** subcommittee met about revisions on 11/1/12 and worked on the template and text revisions and the distribution of parcels.

Ms. Rowe informed the board that the exploratory work at **22 Mill St** was delayed due to weather.

Ms. Beckwith drafted a Notice of Non-compliance letter to the owners of **64 Wright St** for a shed, and the Commission provided edits.

The Commission will **clean up Meadowbrook Park** on 11/3/2012 at 9am to noon.

Ms. Milan was present to discuss the possibility of coordinating an effort on providing information regarding **invasive plant** identification and management for the upcoming Ecofest, on March 23rd, 2013. Issues remain around plant material disposal, what plants to focus on, identification information. Lexington has a great list of plants, both invasive and native. Ms. Garnett emphasized that its not just weeding of the invasives but subsequent care and management of the locations afterward. She would help us focus on 5 or 10 species. One idea may be to have a Master Weed Team. Funds may be available from the Conservation Stewards funds from Arlington Land Stewards. Ms. Beckwith will investigate getting more Invasive Plant Guides from the state department of Fish and Wildlife. Ms. Milan noted that Sudbury has a nice program on weeds.

Mr. Barvick presented his proposal to repair or replace the rotted steps at **Window on the Mystic** as an Eagle Scout project. The work would take place in spring 2013. He is assembling the information on what to do and drafting an application. The Conservation Steward funds may also be available for supplies. DPW may have small granite chunks from curbs that can be used to make steps. There are four other Eagle Scouts also coming in to ask about potential projects in the near future.

Mr. Quattrini presented his survey of his parcel and the **Hemlock St. conservation land** and reviewed his revised proposal to resolve the encroachment matter. The board discussed what kind of document would serve the same function as a Certificate of Compliance for this matter, even though its not a Wetlands Protection Act matter. DCR may have experience with this, maybe a perimeter plan and a letter. The fence, stone pavers, lawn and Jacuzzi will be removed from the public land, the retaining wall will not be removed but will be regraded to and some capstone removed. A small stone wall will be built at the cliff and a sign added to invite the public up onto the public land.

Naylor/Coleman motioned to accept the proposal in concept with more details yet to be determined; motion passed with five votes in favor, Mr. Tirone opposing and Mr. White abstaining. Ms. Garnett will meet with Mr. Quattrini again to resolve a few minor design questions.

Coleman/White motioned to approve the **2013 meeting calendar**; motion passed unanimously.

Connors/White motioned to issue a full Certificate of Compliance to **15 Parker Rd**, DEP File number 91-239; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator